

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-7, 10-12, 15-19, and 22-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 8-9, 13-14, and 20-21 are canceled; and claims 5, 10, 17, and 22-24 are amended. Independent claims 5, 17, and 23 are amended to include the content of canceled claims 2 and 14. Independent claims 10, 22, and 24 are amended to include the content of canceled claims 9 and 21. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-12 are allowed. The Office Action states that claims 2-7, 9-10, 14-19, and 21-24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 set forth below. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 2-7, 9-10, 14-19, and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been overcome. Therefore, claims 3-7, 10-12, 15-19, and 22-24 are allowable and the application is now in condition for allowance.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Office Action rejects claims 2-7, 9-10, 14-19, and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action states:

Claims 2-6, 7, 9, 17-19, and 22, set forth functional descriptive material but fail to produce a "useful, and tangible" result; Claims 2-6, 7, 9, 17-19, and 22 are interpreted as software per se, abstracts ideas or mental construct and not tangibly embodied on a computer readable medium or hardware (see In The Claims pages 2-7);
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Claims 23-24 set forth functional descriptive material but fail to produce a "useful" result (see In The Claims pages 8-10);

Office Action dated March 20, 2006, pages 3-4.

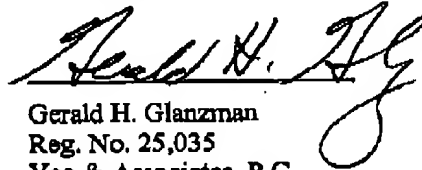
Claims 5, 10, 17, and 22-24 are amended to include the content of canceled claims 2, 9, 14, and 21, respectively, as suggested by the Examiner, to show the practical application of the claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 2-7, 9-10, 14-19, and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been overcome.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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